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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Research Staff

SUBJECT : Jay Richard KENNEDY - REPORT FROM

1. KENNEDY called me this morning at the office to thank me

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2. KENNEDY advised that Harry BELAFONTE was not in evidence on TV following the assassination of Martin Luther KING on Thursday, 4 April 1968. KENNEDY received word from a reliable source that BELAFONTE, who is under Peking discipline, was instructed not to be in the forefront. BELAFONTE has, however, now been instructed to move in to the home of Martin Luther KING's widow in Atlanta. He is now there and will remain until several days after the funeral. BELAFONTE, Stokely CARMICHAEL and other leaders in the Black Power structure who are under Peking discipline will hold a strategy meeting in the Reverend KING's home after the funeral.

3. KENNEDY suggested that television on Tuesday will disclose that BELAFONTE and Robert KENNEDY will be in the forefront during the funeral services. According to Jay, BELAFONTE has sufficient information of a blackmail nature on Bobby KENNEDY that will result in KENNEDY reacting as a puppet to Peking direction in the coming presidential nominating campaign. KENNEDY urges that a task force be established not by the FBI but by the intelligence community to cover BELAFONTE from now on in which should develop the intelligence that BELAFONTE, Martin Luther KING, and Mrs. KING have for years been the willing tools of Peking.

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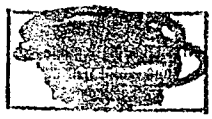

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